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Didsbury Soldier Sent To U.S.

Pte. Lloyd Fischer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fischer, received distinction recently on his graduating Army Mechanics School at London, Ontario. He was one of the four Alberta boys, who were chosen for their ability, to be sent to the United States for special training.

He is now at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he is working in a \$500,000 Army Tank testing building. In these modern shops, students tear down tanks piece by piece, study the motor and driving mechanism and then do their repairs on the motors.

Pte. Fischer is to be congratulated on his achievement.

Quota Raised On Coarse Grains

Notice was received Tuesday by the local elevator men that the quota on oats, barley and rye had been raised to 20 bushels per acre at Didsbury.

The quota for wheat is 14 bushels per acre.

Weddings

SHANNON—CUNNINGHAM

Knox United Church in Calgary was the scene of a pretty wedding, Thursday afternoon, December 10, at four o'clock, when Lois Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cunningham, became the bride of Mr. Donald W. Shannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Shannon, of Didsbury.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was charming in a heaven blue frock with navy accessories and her corsage of white roses.

Rev. A. Huband officiated, and Mr. C. Higgins played the wedding music.

The bride's mother chose a gown of mauve and wore a corsage of Talisman roses. The groom's mother wore black with gold, and her corsage was of Talisman roses. The bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. Gray, of Toronto, Ontario, chose a gown of black and corsage of American Beauty roses.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the York Hotel. The dinner table was centred with a tiered wedding cake.

After a short honeymoon, the happy couple will reside west of Didsbury.

WHY HELP RUSSIA!

When the Nazi hordes invaded Russia, little did we think what a great struggle and what a supreme sacrifice she would make in defence of her soil, but the Russian people loved their country and were prepared to sacrifice everything in its defence. So many of them have made the supreme sacrifice. So many of them have suffered creulties and privations. They have had, and still have their backs to the wall, but the enemy has been held at bay. By the Russians' stupendous effort in defence of their country, they have gained the admiration and respect of all free countries. We all realize that without the dogged resistance of our Russian ally, we would have been faced with a very much longer war and greater sacrifices of precious Canadian lives.

Admiration and respect are not enough. Should we not add our individual contribution in aid of the Russian people, who are bearing untold sufferings in their sacrificial struggle?

People of Didsbury, who have never failed to come to the aid of those in distress, IT IS CHRISTMAS TIME!

Will you please hand your contribution to the Pioneer Office, or to the office of Mayor C. E. Reiber. They will be acknowledged in the paper.

The list will close at the end of the year.

Bergen Club	\$21.50
W. Gontash	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Austin	5.00
Canadian Legion	5.00
C. E. Reiber	2.00
J. E. Gooder	2.00
Anonymous	1.00

Local Holstein in National Contests

The well-known show bull "Westland Hayden Monarch", owned by F. W. Leeson & Son, Westland farm, has been entered in the "All Canadian" and "All American" contests for holstein cattle.

This animal received "Honorable Mention All American" as well as winning at all major Western fairs in 1941, and this year has been undefeated senior yearling, junior and reserve grand champion in Western Canada.

"Monarch" is herd sire at the Westland Farm and has some fine sons and daughters growing up there.

Some excellent production records are also being made, the latest being a Gold Seal record for a six year old cow, "Westland Beauty" which produced 15,521 pounds of milk and 567.9 pounds of fat in 305 days.

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Grade A Medium	41c
Pullets	38c
Grade B	35c
Grade C	33c

Early Pioneer Passes Away

Mrs. Hannah Shantz, aged 85 years, one of the earliest pioneers of the District, passed away on Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Hunsperger.

The funeral will be held at the M. B. C. Church on Saturday at 2:30. W. A. McFarquhar has charge of the funeral arrangement.

FIRE PREVENTION.

Owing to the late recent terrible disasters in Boston and Newfoundland, the Fire Commissioner of the Province has urgently requested local authorities to recheck places of entertainment, halls and churches as to fire hazards such as overcrowding, fire escapes, exit doors, flammable materials used for decorations and Christmas trees.

The Mayor is appointing a committee to undertake this work. Inspection is empowered by the Fire Prevention Act. It is hoped that the Committee will be courteously received and its recommendation implemented without delay.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS:

Christmas trees can be kept fresh (green) if it is cut off at the base of the tree at an angle—in a V shape—at least one inch above the original cut and naved, this immersed in water during the entire period the tree is in the house or hall. Add water from time to time to keep it over the level of the cut. When this method is used with fresh trees it reduces flammability as well as any fireproofing chemicals. Christmas trees, when dried out, catch fire quite readily and burn with intense heat. Open lights should be kept from the trees and only proper decoration lights used when necessary.

Cloth may be flame proofed for decorations by immersing it in a solution of borax and 9oz of boric acid to each gallon of water, and allowing it to dry without wringing. Remember if water is applied again it will remove the chemical and it will be no longer flame-proof.

There is no home method for flame-proofing paper. In the past flame proof decorations have been on the market and easily obtainable but this year, due to the war, are no longer available.

Boxing Day is Civic Holiday

In accordance with a by-law passed at a meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening, Saturday December 26th [Boxing Day] has been declared a Civic Holiday. All business houses in Didsbury will therefore be closed on that day.

NOTICE

All elevators in Didsbury will be closed at noon every Saturday until further notice. The elevators, however, are open Wednesday afternoons.

Minaret Elevator will also be closed on Saturday afternoons.

Stores Open All Day Wednesday

Stores will be open all day on Wednesday next, and for the convenience of shoppers they will be open in the evening on Christmas eve.

Red Cross Notes

A meeting of the executive of the Red Cross was held on Wednesday evening when the reports of the various committees were made.

Mrs. Chas. Mortimer, reporting for the Women's Work Committee, stated that the quota of work was being sent to headquarters regularly and that the emergency kit had been completed. The only need at the present was turtle-neck sweaters.

Mrs. Barrett stated supplies on hand for the sewing committee would be sufficient until the end of the year.

Report of the Senior Tea Committee showed that the proceeds of the last tea and food sale amounted to \$86.50, and appreciation was expressed for the generous response they had received.

The treasurer reported that with all bills paid and the full allotment paid to headquarters, there was a balance in the bank of slightly over \$1000.00.

The secretary read an appeal asking for assistance to the Junior Red Cross Hospital. The appeal pointed out that even with urgent needs for the war effort, the peace-time work of the Red Cross must be carried on.

In order that Junior Red Cross Hospital should be able to cope with the demand made on it for the crippled children of the province, it would be necessary to build an additional wing to the hospital. The committee was of the opinion that the funds on hand were in excess of local needs for this year and it was unanimously decided to donate the sum of \$500.00 to the Hospital Building Fund.

The quilt committee reports that they have recently completed ten quilts to be sent overseas.

Four were quilted at the home of Mrs. W. McCoy, four at Mrs. Buhr's and two at Mrs. L. B. Dickau's.

The ladies who assisted in the quilting, were: Mrs. Buhr, Mrs. Mel. Ringheim, Mrs. N. S. MacDonald, Mrs. Walter McCoy, Mrs. Dickau, Mrs. Shiels, Mrs. Alfki, Mrs. Gohee, Mrs. Crawford.

Eastern Star Elects Officers

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held at the St. Hilda's Chapter of the Eastern Star, on Tuesday evening.

The following officers were elected:

W. Matron, Mrs. Jessie McInnis; W. Patron, R. E. Lantz; Asso. Matron, Mrs. Miquelon; Asso. Patron, Floyd Ahlgrim; Conductress, Mrs. Helen Gilson; Asso. Conductress, Mrs. Marvel McCoy; Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Low; Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Lowrie.



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GROWN IN SUNNY SOUTHERN ONTARIO

The Canadian Navy

"NAVY WEEK" sponsored by the Navy League of Canada, in co-operation with the Department of Naval Services, was observed in Canada a short time ago. The purpose of this was, in the words of the president, D. H. Gibson, "to bring before all Canadians the vital importance to the British Empire of the maintenance of naval supremacy, upon which depends its trade, Empire and national existence; and of proclaiming the tremendous contribution which the personnel of the Canadian Navy and the merchant ships are now making in this titanic conflict of right over might." At this time, many interesting facts concerning Canada's sea power were brought before the public by the Navy League. At no time since the outbreak of war has there been any doubt as to the importance of the navy in the conflict. The movement of troops and supplies to the many fighting fronts has been successfully accomplished in spite of tremendous enemy opposition, and it is known to us, and to the enemy, that there will be no Axis victory as long as the ships of the Allied nations freely ride the seas.

Figures Are Of Interest

Figures published by the Navy League show that great expansion has taken place in the Canadian navy since the beginning of the war. At that time, Canada had only eleven fighting ships and less than eighteen hundred men. Now it consists of more than three hundred ships and over forty thousand men. In addition, our merchant navy has expanded greatly and is playing a most important part in carrying supplies to Britain and to the fighting fronts, and in bringing essential supplies back to Canada. This great increase in the numbers of both our fighting and merchant ships has involved much expansion in the Canadian shipbuilding industry. It is estimated that there are now more than forty thousand workers employed in building ships and that this is the largest single industry operating in Canada at the present time. While it is estimated that our navy is now twenty times as strong as it was when the war began, still greater expansion is planned, and as long as the war lasts it will continue to grow in size and power.

Lengthy Routes Are Protected

Something of the tremendous tasks undertaken by the navy are emphasized by reviewing the length of the routes our ships travel and protect. The coasts of Canada on the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, total some twelve thousand miles. The enemy is in both these oceans and constant vigilance by the navy in all these coastal waters is essential. In addition our navy has taken its place with the other free nations in protecting the long routes to the fighting fronts. From Halifax to Liverpool, the distance is three thousand miles; from Halifax to Alexandria, in Egypt, it is four thousand five hundred miles; from Halifax to the port of Murmansk in Russia, it is over four thousand miles; and from Vancouver to Melbourne, Australia, it is over seven thousand three hundred miles. Canadian ships operate in all these waters and have added many chapters to the already glorious history of our navy. The sailors who man these ships are from all parts of Canada; many of them are from the Prairies. To all of them we owe gratitude and admiration for helping to make our navy an important part of the great plan for victory for the United Nations.

Hurt To Their Pride

When Japanese Suffer Defeat It Is Hard To Take

The Japanese are a naively proud people, who consider themselves invincible. They have never been defeated, they tell themselves; hence, they cannot be defeated. Defeat is inadmissible. For them, there can be no such thing. Thus, the Coral Sea and Midway battles were hard for them to take. It was not only the ships they lost there but the hurt to their pride. "Pride," "face," as it is called in Eastern Asia, is the same to them, as honor. It must be maintained, at any cost. So the Solomons have to be retaken. The despised Yankee must be driven out of Guadalcanal, or a shame will rankle in every Japanese heart. Chicago Daily News.

Asks For Medicine

Newfoundland Dog Knows What Will Relieve His Rheumatism

"Rex," a big black Newfoundland dog, owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rehkopf, of Hanover, Ont., is nine years old and afflicted with rheumatism, which causes him a lot of pain. Noticing this, Mrs. Rehkopf gave him a pain tablet, having considerable difficulty in administering it. However, inside of ten minutes, Rex lay down at ease and slept. Now, when an attack of pain comes on Rex coaxes his mistress out to the cupboard where the box of pills is kept, and stands with his mouth open until he gets one, and gets relief in a short time.

There are about 20,000 species of birds known today.

AIR TRAINING PLAN

LIST OF GRADUATES

The following students graduated under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan from:

No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Man., (Air Observers)—
Sgt. G. L. Brecken, Emerson, Man.
Sgt. W. A. Cousins, Silver Park, Sask.
Sgt. P. N. Hanson, McCrory, Man.
Sgt. V. H. Hill, Hilliard, Alta.
Sgt. S. H. Hollins, Morbach, Sask.
Sgt. E. C. Ireland, Edmonton, Alta.
Sgt. J. C. Maguire, Dumbell, Man.
Sgt. L. G. Martin, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Man., (Air Gunners)—

Sgt. S. J. Burwood, Calgary, Alta.
Sgt. J. A. Bone, Crowsnest, Sask.
Sgt. G. P. Galloway, Regina, Sask.
Sgt. I. L. Jacques, Rossmore, Sask.
Sgt. C. Johnston, Birds Hill, Man.
Sgt. W. Kohler, Sturgeon, Man.
Sgt. A. A. McLeod, Edmonton, Alta.
Sgt. C. E. McLeod, Edmonton, Alta.
Sgt. B. Mercer, Clairmont, Alta.
Sgt. N. B. Morrison, Deloraine, Man.
Sgt. F. J. O. Perron, Montmarie, Sask.
Sgt. S. J. Stevenson, Marshall, Sask.
Sgt. G. E. Thomas, Lac La Poudre, Alta.
Sgt. W. J. Van, Nanton, Alta.
Sgt. P. Zellensky, Yorkton, Sask.

No. 5 Bombing and Gunnery School, Dafoe, Sask., (Air Gunners)—

LAC. W. P. Burton, Handel, Sask.
LAC. T. Lovinsky, Winnipeg, Man.
LAC. F. R. Young, Denzil, Sask.

No. 7 Bombing and Gunnery School, Paulson, Man., (Air Gunners)—

LAC. G. W. Askew, Cartwright, Man.
LAC. C. O. Clark, Winnipeg, Man.
LAC. R. F. Collins, Winnipeg, Man.
LAC. T. J. Cowie, Praescona, Man.
LAC. G. R. Haddock, Winnipeg, Man.
LAC. M. N. Werbski, Yorkton, Man.

No. 3 Bombing and Gunnery School, MacDonald, Man., (Air Gunners)—

LAC. E. P. Behiels, Edmonton, Alta.
LAC. J. A. Conchlin, Saskatoon, Sask.
LAC. A. E. Johnson, Indian Head, Sask.
LAC. R. W. Rutherford, Edmonton, Alta.
LAC. G. S. Auld, Dominion City, Man.
LAC. R. C. Brooks, Decker, Man.
LAC. F. Child, Weidabo, Sask.
LAC. D. C. Dorman, Alameda, Sask.
LAC. B. W. Howells, Lemfords, Sask.
LAC. H. S. Hicks, Regina, Sask.
LAC. R. H. Hyde, Weymouth, Sask.
LAC. H. W. Jarvis, Cregar, Sask.
LAC. S. J. Jorgenson, Seaside, Sask.
LAC. K. W. Lawson, Berthelton, Man.
LAC. J. E. Munroe, Minto, Sask.
LAC. G. R. Landrester, Pelly, Sask.
LAC. H. T. Smith, Pointe du Bois, Man.
LAC. A. P. Todd, Zelon, Sask.
LAC. H. Morris, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 38 Service Flying Training School, R.A.F., Estevan, Sask., (Pilots)—

LAC. D. Motherwell, Regina, Sask.

No. 5 Air Observer School, Winnipeg, Man., (Air Navigators)—

Sgt. J. M. Bartleman, Wolsley, Sask.

Studying Russian

About 10,000 People In Britain Trying To Master Language

It's estimated that about 10,000 people, young and old, in Britain today are studying the Russian language. Another example of the Britisher's ability to stand punishment. That they'll all make the grade is unlikely, for finding 31 letters instead of 26 in the alphabet; that half the characters are unlike any with which one is acquainted, and that some of the others do not carry the sound which one has always attached to them, is discouraging; but the attempt is evidence of the determination of the British people to do all they can to prevent future misunderstandings between the two countries.—News, Toronto.

On Time Or Not

Russian Quite Sure When His Film Would Be Finished

Gregory Ratoff, the Russian Orson Welles, who produces, directs, acts, writes and does everything else except deliver his pictures personally to the theatres, has a passion for finishing his movies on time. On one occasion, when production of one of his films had been halted for several days, Ratoff was asked whether he expected to be through with the shooting on schedule.

"Of course, of course!" exclaimed the explosive Russian. "I said I would finish on Saturday, and I will—even if I have to keep everybody here till Monday night!"

SELECTED RECIPES

BANANA LOAF

2 eggs
2/3 cup Crown Brand Corn Syrup
1/2 cup Mazola
1 1/2 cup mashed bananas
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional)
1/4 cup sour milk
Temperature: 350 degrees F.
Time: 1 1/4 hours
Method: Put eggs, corn syrup, mazola and mashed bananas into bowl; mix thoroughly with Dover beater. Add whole wheat flour, sifted dry ingredients and peanuts (optional). Add sour milk; stir lightly but do not beat. Pour into loaf pan 9" x 5" x 3" lined with waxed paper and filled with mazola. Bake in moderate oven.

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Strength Of British Sea Power Is The Mainstay And Blood Stream Of The War Effort

TODAY, and every day, there are at least 2,000 British merchant ships out on the oceans. And today, and every day, there are always 600 British ocean-going fighting ships out at sea. The warships are there to see that the freighters get safely through to their ports of destination, whether the journey be through the 20-mile wide waters of the English Channel, almost within sight of the Nazis on the French coast—or between the British Isles and Australasia at the other side of the world.

Analyze the figures of British ships always at sea and you find that every ten British cargo ships have at least three British warships working to protect them.

But those figures are not the total strength of British sea power. There are freighters, loading and unloading vital cargoes at ports widely separated over the world. There are ships being overhauled and repaired, ships being given new weapons to fight those who may try to hinder their voyages over 136,000 kilometres of ocean routes.

The 2,000 freighters and the 600 warships are those which may be found at sea on any one day, at any one hour.

If a single Axis warship gets out on the high seas, if a single Axis convoy of freighters were out on the oceans, it would be front-page news in the world's press. It is not news that 2,600 British ships are always at sea. It is taken for granted. Britain commands the oceans.

Sea power is the blood stream of the British war effort. Food comes to the United Kingdom by ships from the far corners of the earth. By ships go British armies, tanks, guns, shells, airmen, and aircraft to distant fronts, where they can most effectively fight the Axis. British ships sail to Africa, America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Iceland, India and Russia.

Britain would starve if Hitler could find a way to block the inward and outward passage of those ships. He has failed to find a way, though he is certainly trying hard.

Because great value is put on shipping space the people of Britain are sparing with everything which comes to them by sea. Food is rationed.

Those 2,600 ships bring rubber, tin and cotton, wool, lead, oil and timber, and countless other commodities for which British mills, workshops and munition factories are waiting.

Tens of thousands of British sailors know that unless they can beat the Axis bombers and U-boats which lurk on the convoy routes the war effort will be stifled and obstructed. So they sail on, whatever the perils. They know that British armies on far-flung battlefronts must have their magazines and larders replenished after every battle.

In a single month outward-bound British freighters carried 23,000 army vehicles, 1,300 airplanes, hundreds of locomotives and 400,000 tons of stores across the vast oceans.

Only a nation which commands the sea can achieve journeys like these. The sea isolates Hitler from distant countries. He would like to get supplies from his partners, but the British Navy has a stranglehold on all the routes his all-too-few ships might try to take.

That is what sea power means. It means being able to sail your ships across the ocean's trade routes and denying the use of those routes to the enemy.

The British Navy spreads a far-flung net, with mighty battleships capable of firing shells the weight of an automobile 32 kilometres, with aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, sloops, corvettes, speedy motor torpedo-boats, mine-sweepers and minesweepers.

When British ships were made of wood, the people of Britain sang "Hearts Of Oak Are Our Ships, Hearts Of Oak Are Our Men." Today, those ships are made of the finest iron and steel. And so are the nerves of Britain's sailors.

These men of the sea have an uncomfortable life, which varies from the icy cold of the Arctic to the sweltering heat of the tropics. They save a risky life. They are often away from their wives and children for months on end. You can't be home for the week-end when you are taking tanks to the other side of the world, or bringing manganese from India.

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JAPS AT COAST

Of 21,349 Japanese living in "vulnerable" area of B.C. last Dec. 7, only 105 are left, all concentrated in Vancouver as patients or staff members of the tuberculosis hospital at Hastings park. Pensions Minister Mackenzie stated. He said the remaining Japanese soon would be moved to interior New Denver, B.C.

There are about 1,000 species of flowering plants in New Zealand.

Exhorts Spain



Crown Prince Don Juan, above, pretender to the Spanish throne, has issued a statement from Geneva, Switzerland, urging Spain to remain neutral and to remain on friendly terms with the "Americas". He said Spain should fight to preserve her neutrality, if necessary. With German troops on the Franco-Spanish border this statement is regarded as distinctly favorable to the Allies.

Acted Like Savages

Italy's Brutal Treatment Of Yugoslavs Should Not Be Forgotten

Not much has been said of the barbarous action of the Italian savages at Ravnik in Yugoslavia. But, the destruction of that village is an example of the type of civilization we can expect from Rome.

When Yugoslavia patriots made it hot for the Italian troops, Rome decreed that punishment would be the razing of Ravnik. So, the Italians moved in, killed all the men and boys and sent the women and children into the hills. After this expulsion of the women and children, the inhabitants of neighboring towns were warned that anyone giving refuge to these women and children would be executed.

The Italians have been getting off lightly, because they do not count much as a fighting force. Even the Germans laugh at the Italian fighting ability.

But, it is just as well to keep the record straight. The barbarity of Ravnik was an Italian act, prompted by Rome and carried out at the command of Mussolini. Let no one forget what savages these people are.—Windsor Star.

THE END OF THE HUNT

Mighty hunters stalked the hills of Westchester county in New York state. Weapons were restricted by law to bows and arrows. By the end of the first day, two deer had been killed.

No piercing arrows brought the animals down. They were run over by automobiles.

The Lend-Lease Plan Is To Be Used For The Reconstruction Of Liberated Nations After The War

OF all the inventions of the war, history may record the greatest was lend-lease, the force of which is being exerted in every part of the world. When first conceived by President Roosevelt and passed after a stubborn and, at times, bitter fight, by the United States Congress, it was regarded by many Americans as a grandiose piece of loose charity. It was a one way traffic in those days, with Britain the sole recipient of a tiny trickle of food and munitions.

Just Another Blunder

Hitler At One Time Could Have Closed Gibraltar Straits

As operations proceed in the Mediterranean another of Hitler's great mistakes is emphasized. It was his failure to invest, if not to capture Gibraltar.

There was some thought one and two years ago that the Nazis might make an attempt on the Rock and the expectation was the reason for extensive defensive measures by the British. However extensive these preparations for defence were, they probably could not have prevented Hitler occupying so much of Spanish territory on both sides of the strait as to practically isolate the fortress and make it useless as a naval base and guardian of the straits. This was especially true before he sent his legions into Russia.

Had the Nazis closed the straits they would have so locked the British out, or in, or both, that they could have proceeded almost at leisure, to full control of the Mediterranean, thus making practically certain of Britain's defeat. However, they hesitated and waited until as in the case of the threatened invasion of Britain, it was too late. With other engagements, especially in Russia, with their armies in Africa destroyed and the Americans in possession of North Africa, it is now impracticable.

The great advantage of possession is the other way round and failure to can be listed as probably third among Hitler's great blunders, first being his failure to attack Britain in June, 1940, and second his attack on Russia in June, 1941.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Mozambique Country

Is Very Sparsely Inhabited And Population Is Mostly Native

Foreign Agriculture says Mozambique is a sparsely inhabited country with an average density of only about 13 persons per square mile. The population of approximately five million is predominately native. Non-natives represent less than five per cent., half of whom are Europeans; the remaining are Arabs, Indians, Goanese, Chinese and other Asiatics, and mixed races.

Five-sixths of the gasoline used in an automobile sedan speeding at 70 miles an hour is spent to overcome wind resistance.

Today lend-lease is a two-way stream of munitions, food, raw materials, production machines, scientific and military designs and information that crosses and criss-crosses every area of the globe.

Lend-lease now is being put to a new use as a method of reconstruction in liberated countries such as North Africa. This phase will be extended to all territories released from Axis domination, the people supplied not only with food and clothing but with arms where they organize to fight at the side of the United Nations.

When the President announced his determination to see that the material wealth of the United States is placed behind rehabilitation plans for small and weak nations, he probably had lend lease in mind as the economic machinery to be used. That would carry it into the post-war period, as a part of the peace, and making it a permanent agency of the United States government.

Canada is practically alone among the United Nations for having stayed clear of lend-lease, preferring to pay cash on the barrel head for all purchases in the United States. There are factions within the government in Washington who would like to see Canada accept lend lease because it would simplify many administrative problems, but no pressure is being applied to force a decision.

Military equipment is being shipped to the Russians, the Chinese, the British, the Australians and all the other people fighting the Axis. As an indication of that, the value of the equipment and supplies pumped into Egypt to prepare for the rout of Rommel's army, exceeded \$600,000,000.

In October, alone, the value of lend-lease shipments to all nations was \$900,000,000 and in the last four months, nearly \$3,000,000,000.

That of course is only the one-way stream. While the United States was shipping out those supplies, the recipient nations were supplying equipment to American forces abroad.

Aid To Russia

United Nations Have Sent Tons Of Equipment

During the second-front agitation of last summer, the impression was spread abroad that we were doing little or nothing for Russia. This notion was dispelled recently by the statement in the British House of Commons on our aid to Russia. Mr. R. K. Law, the under-secretary for foreign affairs, revealed that during the past 12 months the United Nations sent Russia 3,052 planes, 4,084 tanks, 30,031 vehicles and almost a million tons of shells, small arms, ammunition, food and other important war materials.

No one will say that Russia did not deserve these things. Still less can it be said that we have given Russia all she needs. And yet when these figures are studied it becomes apparent that we have diverted a vast store of equipment to the Russian front, equipment which may play a decisive part in the winning of this war. To send this material to Russia requires hundreds and hundreds of ships. To get it there the convoys had to run the aerial and submarine blockade of the northern Arctic. The debt which we owe to the gallant men of the merchant navy who get the stuff through is immense.

A million tons of war material stumps the imagination. Yet even this great quantity will be exceeded many times over when we get into full production on this continent. It must be exceeded, not only to Russia but to China and Africa as well if the war is to be won.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Manitoulin Island in northeast Lake Huron has 100 lakes. 2493

Majestically The Convoy Moves On To Victory



This photo, made from one of the ships participating in the operations, shows part of the great convoy of 850 transports and warships that carried out the invasion of French North Africa without a hitch. Despite a Nazi submarine wolf pack, all transports delivered the "goods". Thirteen of the U-boats were sunk.

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The World of Wheat

by H. G. L. Strange

WHEAT VARIETIES TO GROW

An analysis of the "Crop Testing Plan" work for the year 1942 reveals once again that there are still hundreds of farmers (exactly 4.8% of 12,000 whose fields were tested) who grow a variety different from the variety they thought they were growing and would like to have grown. Invariably such farmers are greatly surprised when they see the analysis of their crop. Some who thought they were growing Thatcher or Apex or Regent or Renown — which are rust-resistant varieties — were found to be growing Marquis or Red Bobs or that old fashioned variety which seems to have a peculiar attraction to some farmers — the so called Early Red Fife — all of which are badly damaged by rust.

Usually this came about because a farmer bought his seed from a fellow farmer, thinking it was a rust-resistant variety. In a rust year, of course, those farmers growing a rust-susceptible variety would suffer a severe loss of income. It seems, then, that farmers should assure themselves of the truthfulness of variety of any seed they may purchase. Registered and Certified seeds are the best because their truthfulness to the variety named is guaranteed by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association or the Dominion Government.

Following factors have tended to decrease supply or increase demand: Official sources report that Eire will have to import Canadian wheat again this year—Australia's wheat crop is expected to be 25,000,000 bushels short of last year's crop—Rumania's winter wheat acreage is 3,400,000 acres under the Government objective, due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Following factors have tended to increase supply or decrease demand: The Argentine surplus is



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officially estimated at 160,829,000 bushels compared with 112,660,000 bushels last year—the total acreage sown in the U.K. is expected to be close to the Government objective of 8,000,000 acres, compared with the prewar average of less than 2,000,000 acres

Food and War

It was said many times in the last war that food would win it and the records show that food was a telling factor in the enemies' defeat. It is said in this war that food will win the war and the peace. Food alone will do neither, but, without the necessary food, no other combination can do either
—Dr. G. H. Barton

Buy Forage Crop Seeds At Once

Farmers who expect to buy forage crop seeds for 1943 seeding should make arrangements to do so without delay, states the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The available supply of Red Clover and Alsike Clover seed is below normal require-

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**Prisoners of War
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Three sun-tanned young Canadians in Royal Canadian Air Force uniform marched into the Canadian Red Cross office in London England, recently, to express thanks for the quality and quantity of Canadian Red Cross prisoners of war food parcels, according to a cable received at the Society's national headquarters in Toronto.

The three men were PO L. Rymal, Lenington, Ont., FOR A. Green, Outremont, Quebec, and FO J. C. Hardy, Winnipeg. They had just returned to Britain from North Africa where for nine months they had been interned by the French in a prison camp 800 miles in the desert south of Algiers.

In London only one day after their arrival they went to the Red Cross office to offer graphic proof of the joy and health-giving value of Canada's prisoners of war food parcels, which reached them regularly since June.

"I don't know how we could have carried on without the excellent contents of the Canadian parcels," Hardy told officials. "Because of the heat the chocolate tended to crumble and we used it to make hot chocolate. But in all instances the food was in excellent condition because of the wonderful packing."

Early in the year the three men were enroute to the Middle East when they were forced down and interned by French authorities.

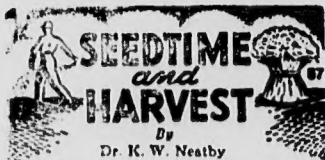
Their first gratitude to the Canadian Red Cross, they said, was the arrival of "capture" parcels from the Society's London office. These parcels contained comforts which they said were much appreciated.

"Soon," one of the men said, "the food parcels began to arrive and they were thrice welcomed as our prison diet consisted of lentil soup and macaroni."

Other Canadian prisoners from the same camp who were delighted with the parcels and are now in London, are PO D. Shannon, Toronto, PO W. Chisholm, London, Ontario, and Sub. Lt. Spearin, R.C.N.V.R., Winnipeg, and Flt. Sgt. Templeton, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

So sincerely appreciative were Green, Rymal and Hardy they wanted to donate a subscription on the spot to the Canadian Red Cross to testify to the health and morale importance of the Red Cross food parcels.

"Don't worry about that," officials told them.



Dr. K. W. Neatby
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Line Elevators Association

What Shall We Do About It?

In our last article an attempt was made to stress the permanent damage being done to our farm lands by erosion, and the urgent necessity of undertaking corrective measures. We promised to offer a few suggestions.

We believe that the Dominion Government should outline and announce a long-term soil conservation scheme at the earliest possible date. The problem will never solve itself, and it will never be solved by year to year expediencies.

It is probable that the good, reasonably level land on the open prairie can be devoted to grain farming almost indefinitely, and soil drifting controlled by strip farming and good tillage practices. In the park and wooded areas, where both soil drifting and water erosion are doing serious damage, grasses and clover must play an important part in any effective conservation programme.

Obviously, any scheme must recognize the differences in farming conditions between the open prairies and the park and wooded areas.

Too many of us think of forage crops only in terms of markets for livestock. This is a secondary consideration. The soil must be preserved. If acreage payments are to be made in 1943, we suggest that greater encouragement be given to grass and clover in specified areas. You say where is the seed coming from? I reply, from whence will it come in five years time if we don't start now?

Ask your local line elevator agent for a leaflet dealing more fully with this subject.

**Donations Are Asked
for the Red Cross**

**Single Orange-Black
License Plates in '43**

Alberta's 1943 motor licenses will have black numerals on an orange background, and only one will be issued per automobile in line with wartime conservation of metals, provincial licence officials said today. The plate will be perforated to provide for attachment of a 1944 tab which will be issued instead of a plate that year.

**No More Beer
This December**

Beer is now being "rationed".

No one will be permitted to drink during the present festive month of December more than the amount he consumed during the corresponding month a year ago. Which may be a hardship on the more recently graduated froth-blowers.

Official notice has been served by J. A. King, chairman of the Alberta Liquor Control Board, on all operators of beverage parlors that purchases for December, 1942, must not exceed the purchases made in December, 1941.

Officials told them. "When you reach Canada on leave, just tell the Canadian people what the parcels mean to prisoners of war and that's a donation for us."

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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Supplies valued at more than \$1,000,000 have been sent to Russia during the last year by the Canadian Red Cross, it was announced.

The Nazi-controlled Vichy radio reported that Portugal had ordered mobilization of her merchant marine and placed ports under new government regulations.

Because of the big increase in the use of bicycles to and from railway stations in Britain the decision has been taken to install bicycle stands at some stations.

The flag of a Nazi armed merchantman captured at Dieppe during the Canadian-British raid last August has been presented to the city of Bristol.

Large congregations attended the cathedrals and churches throughout South Africa in thanksgiving for Allied Nations victories in North Africa.

The republic of Uruguay has elected a pro-Allied independent Liberal as its next president, Dr. Juan Jose Amezaga. He will succeed President Alfredo Baldomir on March 1, 1943.

The Dublin defence department is making arrangements to compel the co-operation of those firms who refuse to enter the block system of fire-watching and thus endanger their own and other people's property.

To conserve material in Britain new postmen's uniforms will no longer have red piping on the jacket collars and the tops of cuffs. Piping will remain on hats and trouser seams.

Free Belgian sources report that from the whole monkey section of the Antwerp zoo only one "exceedingly tough" orang-outang remains. The inference is that all others have been stolen for food.

MORE WOOL NEEDED

If all the garments purchased by the Government for the armed services were hung out to dry on the line they would stretch from Montreal to Liverpool, England. Some 9,500,000 woollen underwear garments were bought from Canadian manufacturers since the start of the war.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Isn't that just like men... not a mirror in the camp."

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Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly: Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermot Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man.

REFUSED TO BE HELPED

U.S. Seaman William Stachula said that Japanese sailors who were floating on rafts after a recent Solomon Island engagement declined rescue offers from his destroyer. "Togo say no," was their answer, Stachula said.

Are Not A Novelty

Natives Of New Guinea Have Become Used To Airplanes

Airplanes are no novelty in the lives of bushy-haired headhunters and pygmies of New Guinea. Even before this war, such exploring as was done in the vast, sprawling no man's land was carried on either by foot or by plane. For the last few years huge triple-engined planes have regularly been dropping scientists, administrators and even missionaries at the native doorsteps. But in spite of its airplanes, its great gold and copra trade and industrious white colonials, the tremendous island of New Guinea remains a thinly populated, hot, rainy wilderness, unfriendly to the white man. It has thwarted the staunchest attempts to explore all its jungle and mountain secrets, according to Science Service. This second largest island in the world (next to Greenland) is 1,500 miles long and 480 miles at its widest. Across the Torres Strait it is less than 100 miles from Australia. The parity of its population has not been improved by the white man's habit of carrying disease with him wherever he goes.

In The Front Line

Britain Tells Story Of Her Civil Defence Army

In "Front Line 1940-41" Britain tells the official story of how her civil defence army and dogged population stood up under bombing during the vain German effort to conquer England from the air.

The profusely-illustrated 160-page booklet was issued through the ministry of home security.

In nine months 115,000 homes were shattered and 375,000 persons were billeted as homeless, housed and fed. Civilians killed numbered 43,667, of whom 5,460 were under 16. Seriously injured were 50,387, including 4,061 children.

SMILE AWHILE

Garage Man—What seems to be the matter, lady?

Lady—They tell me I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait, please?

"I hear your wife is of an athletic disposition."

"You're telling me, she's unbeatable at jumping to conclusions and running up bills."

"I shouldn't keep telling her you're unworthy of her."

"No? Why not?"

"Let it come to her as a surprise."

Policeman—As soon as I saw you coming around the bend I said to myself, fifty-five at least.

Lady Driver—How dare you. It's that hat that makes me look so old.

Diner—You'll have to take that steak back. It's so tough I can't even cut it.

Waiter—Can't take it back now; you've already bent it.

Inventor—I have invented a camera that makes people prettier than they really are?

Capitalist—How is it done?

Inventor—By simply making the lens flatter.

"Johnny," said his mother, severely, "some one has taken a big piece of ginger cake out of the pantry."

Johnny blushed guiltily, andidgetted around.

"Oh, Johnny," she exclaimed, "I didn't think it was in you!"

"It ain't all," replied Johnny, "part of it's in Elsie."

PRIVATE POTATO PROVIDES PUNCH IN DAILY EATING



Private Potato feels that he's a very important member of the army, as he charges over the top; he's also important on the home front.

Nutrition Services, in Canada's Official Food Rules, says that everyone needs at least one serving of potatoes daily.

Potatoes provide Iron, the B Vitamins, and are one of the cheapest and most reliable sources of Vitamin C, besides being a good source of energy.

When potatoes are peeled before cooking much of their mineral and vitamin content may be lost. Therefore it is sound commonsense to cook them in the skins whenever possible.

The British people have learned this lesson, as the following little verse, which has become very popular there in recent months, shows.

"Those who have the will to win Eat potatoes in the skin."

For they know the sight of peelings Deeply hurts Lord Woolton's feelings."

QUOTAS HAVE BEEN CUT

A battleship normally carries 59 typewriters; an aircraft carrier, 55; a cruiser, 30; a destroyer, 7; these quotas now have been cut approximately in half.

The Dome Of St. Paul's

Architect Wanted Open Space In Which Multitudes Could Worship

Canon S. A. Alexander, in the second of a series of lectures on "St. Paul's and its Builder," said it required a mind of somewhat daring and adventurous outlook to plant the dome on what has been described as a hill of sand. Probably no modern architect would have had the courage to do it. Yet, in spite of everything, the dome, preserved by a great and strenuous effort, stood, in the judgment of the experts, even stronger today than it was when it was originally built. Wren's decision to make a dome the central and dominant fact in this cathedral was undoubtedly religious. He wanted a vast open space in which multitudes could join in great acts of worship. Only a dome would make possible the services of the church on the scale which reflected his religious thought—a dome which could be not only the centre of London but the central and dominant fact of the church itself.

MICKIE SAYS—

ADVERTISING KEEPS THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY TURNING, AN' DONT LET ANYBODY TELL YOU DIFFERENT—SMART ALEC WRITERS ATTACK IT, BUT THEY JUMP ON BUSINESS, OUR GOVERNMENT, AND RELIGION TOO



THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

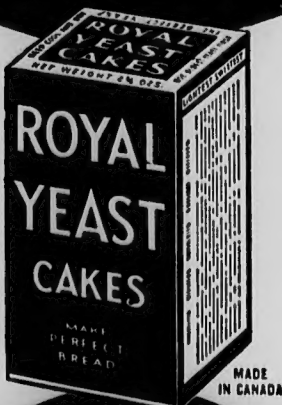


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HALFWAY HOUSE

— BY —
MICHAEL TRENT

CHAPTER IX.

The cocktail glass slipped from Anne's fingers, shattered noisily against the bar, and she was almost unaware of it. Nor was she really aware that card-playing and conversation had ceased while people looked toward the commotion. Only three people mattered in the moment: Steve, Rhea Marshall, Anne Lowry. Steve and the dark girl faced one another, while Anne stared at them both. She moved a little, like a dazed person, to see Steve's face. The shocking truth was etched there: his face was dark, stiff, in character with the low sharpness of his voice.

He said, "You haven't changed at all, Rhea. You're still full of surprises."

The girl airily replied, "That's right, darling. I haven't changed at all." Her tone gave the words a world of meaning, saying, "Look at me. I'm still as attractive as ever!" She was still smiling.

Anne's world seemed to crash about her. She felt suddenly weak and leaned against the bar for support, thinking, "I can't endure more

of this!" Yet she hadn't the strength to move away. Then Margaret Leland came from her bridgeplaying, looking angry now instead of bored, and she lay what apparently was meant to be a restraining hand on Steve Hayes' arm.

"Hello, Stephen. I guess you knew this had to happen." Her voice kept free of her anger. "And since it's happened, you'll have to work it out."

"This is more of your doings, Mrs. Leland?"

"No. This time I'm not interfering. You two will have to do your own planning. It's your life to live, not mine."

"I suppose you're right," Steve Hayes said. He turned back to Rhea, took her arm in an apparently firm and unfriendly grip. "We'll talk this over, Rhea," he told her. "Alone."

Anne stood there looking after them. Margaret Leland had never been friendly before, but now she touched Anne's hand. "I'm sorry for you," she said. "I could see you were in love with him, but there seemed no way to keep you from being hurt." "I never knew—never imagined," Anne chokingly said.

"They were married four years ago," Margaret Leland told her.

Erich Kruger, alias Mr. John Blake, had been watching the little drama from the length of the room. Since he had not been able to hear what was said, it was all a bewildering pantomime. He waited until the so obviously wealthy Mrs. Leland left Anne, then he rose and went to where Anne still stood at the bar. He was puzzled and alarmed by the shocked look in her eyes.

"This rain," he said, meaning to distract her. "Will it never end?" His voice was low-pitched, for her ears alone. "I am in haste to go. I feel like a prisoner."

His words made a slow impression upon Anne's dazed mind. She looked at him uncertainly. For once Erich Kruger's presence and his desire to leave caused no concern in her. She watched him go behind the bar and begin mixing a drink, two drinks, and after a moment or two he pressed a glass into her hand. He lifted his glass.

"Ah, I have missed my calling," he said. "I should have been a bartender instead of a flier." He regarded her anxiously. "You feel better?"

"A little," Anne said, and set down the drink. He came and took her arm, led her to a settee in another corner. He sat beside her and held her hands. Rain drummed gloomily against the window behind them. Erich leaned toward her, his shoulder touching hers, and somehow, all in a moment, he had become again the good friend of the past.

"Tell me," he said. "Was it so very bad?"

"She is his wife, Erich—his wife!" "That then is why she is here. I have wondered. This is no place for a woman like her. Only a man would have brought her. You did not suspect?"

"No. But perhaps I should have." She put her head back and closed her eyes. Yes; she should have suspected. Last night at the party, Bill McRae giving her a hint. . . . Steve being embarrassed, guilty. And what had Steve said when they found themselves in love? "We'll have to talk about it—soon." Reason for suspicion had been there, but she had been blinded by the false brightness of their love.

"Why did he do that to me, Erich—why?"

"Men are too often brutal, Anne."

"Not you, Erich. You couldn't have done such a thing."

He laughed softly. "Next you will have me think I play the game fair," he said. "No, we are all alike. When we fall in love, we want the girl no matter what the rules." His hands closed with a hard pressure on hers. "And I want you, Anne. I want you to follow me to Venezuela."

His voice broke off, his eyes left Anne, a dark intentness came to his face. Anne looked up and saw Steve Hayes coming across the room. She tried to see him only as a man without meaning for her, merely as a handsome man in uniform, but that didn't work. Seeing him made her want to cry. He halted before her, ignoring Erich who got up.

"Anne, I owe you an explanation," he said. "Will you talk with me alone?"

"No explanation is necessary, Steve," she heard her voice say. "I think I understand—everything. Good-by."

"I'm afraid I must insist." His voice roughened. "I wanted to speak to you of this before. There was never time, it seemed, and now only an explanation and an apology will repair the damage done."

"The lady does not wish to talk with you," Erich broke in. He stepped squarely in front of the uniformed man. He was not as tall but he was broader than Steve. Erich's voice was thick with emotion. "I think you should abide by the lady's wishes."

"I'd rather you didn't interfere between us, Mr. Blake. This is a private affair, and you are an outsider."

"I disagree. I have known Miss Lowry many years. I am an old friend of her father." There was a slight break in Erich's low-spoken words. "And I am very fond of Miss Lowry."



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"I didn't notice when we met before, Mr. Blake," Steve said, "that your English is a bit—careful."

"Naturally, Mr. Hayes. I have lived most of my life away from the States. My work—and my father's work—keep me in South America. I speak Spanish and Portuguese as well as English. However, I see no reason why that should concern you."

"It is true, Mr. Blake is more than a guest here," Anne said. "Father and I knew him for years. If he seems to interfere, it is because I want him to." She turned to Erich, took his arm. "I think I'll go up to my room—John." Her heart skipped a beat; she had almost called him by his own name. "Will you see me to the stairs?"

They walked by Steve Hayes, across the lounge to the lobby doorway, and Anne could feel his eyes following them. They crossed the lobby to the stairway. Anne paused, gave Erich an unhappy smile.

"Thanks, Erich. You do play the game," she said. Then unsteadily: "But you made him suspicious. You'll have to decide now—to go, or to give yourself up. He'll not stop now until he knows all about you, Erich. I—"

Steve Hayes came from the lounge. He strode across the lobby, picked up hat and raincoat, opened

the door and went out into the rain. A moment later Anne heard his car drive off. She turned and ran up the stairs. Erich forgotten, and her eyes were blurred by tears.

She awoke to her despair, and to a rap on her door, and she rose and pulled on a robe and drew on slippers. The rap at least she could deal with; she opened the door to her father.

Drew Lowry entered, closed the door behind him, and he looked worse this morning—more haggard than he had appeared in days. He said, troubled of voice, "Erich has gone. He left without telling me, sometime during the night. He took nothing with him except some food from the kitchen. Anne, I'm worried about him."

Anne could feel no real alarm over this; it seemed that she was beyond feeling. She walked to the window and looked out over the valley.

"It's best for us that he's gone," she said. "Our harboring him could have brought us all sorts of trouble. Don't worry about him, Dad."

"He should have given himself up," Drew Lowry said; this was his constant, useless argument. "They'll catch him in the mountains—or else he'll lose his way. A man unused to this country might easily lose his life by accident or even by starvation. Anne, I'm not sure it wouldn't be wise to go to the sheriff or to the forest rangers."

Anne said nothing, even though she knew he wanted her opinion and advice, so after a moment of silence Drew Lowry left her room. Anne stood watching Rhea Marshall—Rhea Hayes—ride down the valley and take the forest trail that led to the Squaw Creek Ranger Station. The girl

looked as attractive in mannish skirt and jodhpurs riding a horse as she did in an evening dress. Steve would surely notice that.

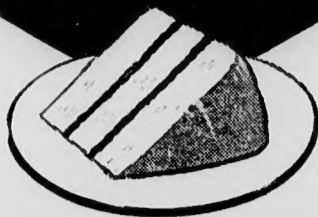
Anne forced herself to bathe and dress, to go downstairs and approach the day's routine. Breakfast must be eaten as on other days, even though she had no appetite, and her duties must be carried out although she had no heart for anything. Mrs. Bailey was in the lobby, and she handed Anne a sealed envelope, saying, "Mr. Blake left it for you."

Mr. Blake—or Erich—had written merely a few lines. Anne found on opening the note. They seemed written in haste:

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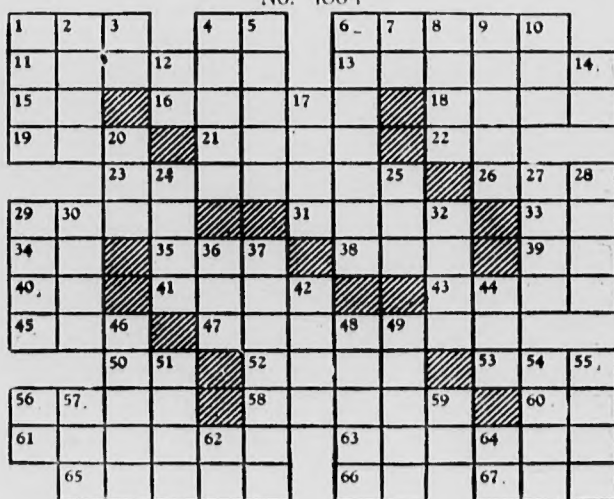
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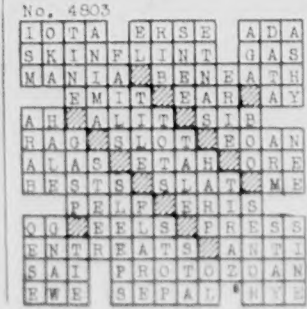
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Music: as written
- 4 Parent
- 6 Braid of hair
- 11 Company of dancers
- 13 Opening
- 15 Hawaiian bird
- 16 To ascend
- 18 Roman mid-day meal
- 19 Cask
- 21 Jewish month
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 Asserted
- 26 Ethiopian chieftain
- 29 Roster
- 31 Son of Adam
- 33 Behold!
- 34 Symbol for silver
- 35 Nervish's hat
- 38 Vote of approval
- 39 Preposition
- 40 Compass point
- 41 Dutch cheese
- 43 Image
- 45 Roman bronze
- 47 Wind instrument

VERTICAL

- 1 Tax
- 2 Archipelago
- 3 Indo-Chinese language
- 4 Wall painting
- 5 Apart
- 6 Because of that
- 7 Chinese measure
- 8 Every
- 9 To pilot
- 10 Celestial body
- 12 Sun god
- 14 Symbol for samarium
- 17 Icelandic legend
- 20 Club
- 24 Tardy
- 25 River in Wales
- 27 Singing voice
- 28 Before long
- 29 Frog renas
- 30 Curved molding
- 32 Reclined
- 36 Flurry
- 37 Plotter against an existing government
- 42 Female horse
- 44 Cry of sorrow
- 46 Darkness
- 48 To wander
- 49 Standard of perfection
- 51 Dry
- 54 Narrative poem
- 55 Diplomacy
- 56 Part of "to be"
- 57 Foollike part
- 59 Symbol for selenium
- 62 Symbol for radium
- 64 Note of scale

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Don't forget the New Year's Day Ice Frolic in aid of the Red Cross. Full particulars next week.

Miss Joyce Cummins, who recently passed civil service examination, has been called and left for Ottawa on Friday.

The surprise game so far this curling season was when C. E. Reiber's rink beat Irwin Klein 24 to 5.

Pte. John Summers, who is stationed at Camp Borden, is home on furlough, and is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. Chas. Huget, of Red Deer, who was a former resident here, was looking up old friends this week.

Tom Lemon informs us that he will be able to again supply Christmas Trees and will have them at the usual stand, near Jenkins store.

New Year's Eve Novelty Dance will be held at Melvin, Thursday, December 31. Bowden Booster orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Smith, of Wetaskiwin, were visiting with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jack Law and family last week end.

Mrs. McPherson and two daughters will leave on Saturday for Edmonton, where she will spend Christmas with her parents.

The monthly meeting of the Legion has been postponed to Saturday January 2nd, when open night will be held and all service men on leave welcomed.

Mrs. Paul Frasch, who has been residing in town for some time, left Wednesday to reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lowrie, near Sundre.

Mrs. Sidney Stewart, of Vancouver, arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with her father, Mr. A. G. Studer. She will be joined on Sunday by her son Eric, of Wembley.

Elkton Willing Workers met at the home of Mrs. Haener last Wednesday. A comforter was tied for the Red Cross and the next meeting is to be held at Mrs. Campbell's, on January 13.

Priscilla Lane, Betty Field and Richard Whorf in "Blues in the Night", at the Didsbury Theatre this week Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They make music by day — they live it by night.

Murry Wilkins Chunn, formerly a resident of Didsbury, enlisted in the Canadian Active Army last week Tuesday, at Edmonton. Previous to his enlistment he was employed as a Mill Hand. His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Chunn, resident of Cloverdale, B.C.

We notice in the Brooks Bulletin that our old friend, J. A. McGhee, presided at a banquet of the E.I.D. Fish and Game Association held at Brooks recently. Jim is president of the Association. He is, apparently, carrying on in the Fish and Game work, in which he was so much interested when he was living here.

Harvey Stevens and Dorothy Bruce, who took part in the junior judging competition at Toronto, have just received a photograph of the judging teams. The photo was taken when the party was visiting the International Harvester Co. plants at Hamilton, Ontario. The photos were sent with the compliments of the company.

United Church Notes.

The Christmas Story in song, story and meditation will feature the services next Sunday.

At Westcott the Sunday School session will consist of carol singing. An offering will be taken for the Queen's fund.

At Westdale the service will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson.

At Knox Church at 7:30, the Girls' Choir will sing special carol numbers.

The Primary and Junior Christmas Programme will be held on Saturday afternoon this week at 3:30 p.m.

A hearty welcome awaits all who care to attend any of these services.

Weddings.

SCHELLENBERG—DICKAU

Zion Evangelical Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday, December 15th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, when Evelyn Ethel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickau of Didsbury, became the bride of Jake Schellenberg, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Schellenberg, of Gouldtown, Sask.

The church was beautifully decorated with plants and provided a splendid setting for the ceremony, performed by Rev. A. Amacher.

The bride entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Ruby Tuggle. Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked lovely in a slipper length gown of white sheer skirt and jersey bodice, and wore a string of crystals. Her veil, of embroidered net, was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white carnations.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Esther Dickau, who chose a slipper-length blue sheer gown with a blue muff and a corsage of pink roses. Miss Wilma Liesemer was attired in a slipper length yellow sheer gown with yellow muff and a corsage of yellow roses. Both bridesmaids wore matching roses in their hair.

L.A.C. Pete Schellenberg R.C.A.F. attended the groom and Messrs John Snyder and Lorne Liesemer acted as ushers.

During the signing of the register, Mrs. Amacher sang "O Promise Me". The bridal couple left the church while Mendelssohn's march was played.

Mrs. C. Dickau, mother of the bride, chose for the occasion a wine satin-back crepe dress, wearing a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. P. P. Schellenberg was attired in a black crepe dress and wore a corsage of pink roses.

The reception was held at the bride's home. Centering the table was a three-tiered wedding cake with pink and white streamers prettily decorating the room.

The luncheon attendants were the Misses Anna and Ethel Snyder, Elizabeth Hohn and Myrtle Schmidt. Mrs. J. L. Tuggle poured tea and Mrs. E. Liesemer cut the ices.

For travelling, the bride chose a black and gold dress with matching accessories. The happy couple left for a short honeymoon at Edmonton.

Rebecca Activities

The Rebeccas met at the home of Mrs. Stanley Brown on Dec 9th to organize for the coming year. Mrs. Stanley Brown was re-elected convener and Mrs. Arthur Walldroff re-elected secretary treasurer.

We take this opportunity to say thanks to Mrs. Alex Ross for the donation of a pair of service socks.

A delightful lunch was served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. J. B. Worthington on Jan 6th.

Evangelical Church Notes

A Christmas service will be held on Sunday morning, December 20, at 10:30. The Sunday School Christmas programme will be held on Sunday evening at 8:00. Christmas is a time of rejoicing, when we all worship the Christ child. We extend a cordial invitation to all to join us in our worship. A Christmas service will also be held at Jutland, at 2 p.m.

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